Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 20 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 21 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Dec 2023 at 00:41

Confidence: High confidence for windy and unsettled conditions through the week, with particularly strong winds Thursday. Confidence in the timing and extent of rain lowering into the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 20 Dec 2023: Cloudy with patchy light rain, becoming more persistent later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 20 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Dull	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
30%	40%	40%	70%	80%	80%

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Dec 2023

Weather: Some patchy outbreaks of showery rain possible early Wednesday. Widespread low cloud and rain arriving from the northwest from late-morning. Rain generally light but persisting through the rest of the day, perhaps seeing the off heavier burst across western hills later. Strong winds with a risk of gales at height, winds strengthening overnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 60%, reducing to 30% by mid-afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Broken cloud with bases 600-800m initially. Cloud becoming extensive by the afternoon with widespread bases 500-600m, perhaps down to lower slopes in the west. Visibility outside of cloud will be moderate to poor in rain and good in drier interludes.

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Forecast for Wednesday 20 Dec 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	25/33 NW	23/32 W	25/34 W	23/31 W	23/31 W	24/35 W	26/37 W
300	13/28 W	13/27 W	15/31 W	14/30 W	14/28 W	15/31 W	16/31 W
Valley	11/26 W	12/26 W	14/31 W	14/30 W	13/27 W	14/29 W	16/32 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	5/-1	5/-0	6/1	6/0	6/1	7/2	7/2
300	7/3	7/4	8/5	7/4	8/4	8/5	8/5
Valley	8/4	8/5	9/6	8/5	8/5	9/6	9/6
Freezing Level*	1300m	1400m	1500m	1800m	1900m	1800m	2500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Strong to very strong winds, particularly at height, with risk of gales at height. These winds will give difficult walking conditions with a risk of being blown off balance and hamper progress.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Wed 20 Dec 2023	9.4mm	30.8mm	30.8mm

Forecast for Thursday 21 Dec 2023

Weather: Mainly light rain will persist overnight and into Thursday morning, perhaps seeing some heavier bursts early morning. Cloud will gradually clear to the south, with increasingly patchy light rain and drizzle. Some eastern areas of the park may be dry for much of the day. Cloud thickening again later, with further outbreaks of rain through the evening.

Maximum wind: West or northwest 30-50 mph, gusting 50-60 mph, perhaps 70mph at times. Easing a little overnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 20% improving 80% from mid-morning. 60% late on.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud with bases 500-700m, clearing south during the morning. Scattered cloud amounts 700m or above through the afternoon, lowering to around 600m towards midnight. Visibility moderate to poor in rain otherwise good outside of cloud.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 10 to 12 Celsius
At 600m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits

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